

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hidenari Ota
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to a final Office Action dated February 5, 2008, to which a response is due on or before May 5, 2008. Applicant adopts the Examiner's previously proposed suggestions recited in the Interview Summary dated February 26, 2007. The amendments herein are now consistent with the proposed Examiner's Amendment, a copy of which is attached as "Exhibit A".

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Remarks on Election of Species and Identification of Claims:

Claim 3 has been withdrawn from consideration pending the allowance of a generic claim from which it can depend. Claims 1-2, and 4-6 stand rejected, and are each being amended into what is believed to be allowable form. It is believed that claim 3 can now be reinserted as depending from allowable claim 1 or 2.